including for amendment of the training curriculum of pilots in Alliance Air, as per the recommendations of the Committee.

Utilisation of Air Strips as Godown by F.C.I.

†175. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that air strips lying idle at different places in the country are being used as godown for foodgrains by the Food Corporation of India; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of the non-utilisation of these air strips?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) There is no airstrip belonging to Airports Authority of India (AAI) that is being used as godown by Food Corporation of India. However, there are large number of non-AAI airports which are lying unutilised because no airlines has indicated plans for operation to/from these airports.

Development of Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam Airports

176. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of plans to develop the Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam Airports during the current year; and

(b) the action proposed to be taken for better and quicker passenger facilitation in the airport for satisfaction of customer?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Improvement of passenger facilities is a continuous process keeping in view demand and availability of resources. The details of plans approved for development works of Hyderabad airport during the current year are as follows:—

Strengthening and extension of existing runway from 9080 ft. to

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.